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The Honorable Bob Goodlatte  
Member, House of Representatives  
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Dear Representative Goodlatte:

Thank you for your June 21, 2016 letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on behalf of your constituent, (b) (6) regarding the Dominion/Atlantic Coast Pipeline (ACP) proposal. In (b) (6) letter, (b) (6) states, as (b) (6) the Jackson River Preservation Association, (b) (6) is involved with the analysis of the proposed ACP, particularly in Highland and Bath Counties in Virginia. (b) (6) states concern for the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project and has also asked if EPA will be involved with the review of the project.

EPA is required to review and provide comments on all Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) is developing an EIS in compliance with NEPA for the ACP. It is anticipated that the EIS for the ACP project will be published and available for public comment in December 2016. At this point, we have reviewed resource reports prepared by the applicant and submitted to FERC. We recognize the potential for significant environmental impacts from the proposal. EPA is working on this and several other pipeline projects and studies completed under NEPA. EPA comment letters on EISs are made public. Our letters prepared this year for other pipeline projects in the Mid-Atlantic area are available on our EPA website: <https://www.epa.gov/nepa>. Our comments on ACP will also be available on the website at the close of the public comment period.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or have your staff contact Mr. Brian Hamilton, Virginia's Liaison, at 215-814-5497.

Sincerely,

Shawn M. Garvin  
Regional Administrator

